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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 April 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7,9 and 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7,9 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 3-7, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Merriam (US 6,408,187) in view of Schmidt et al (US 6,516,200).

Regarding claims 1 and 7, Merriam teaches a method of presenting an information item on a mobile device (see column 1, lines 7-53), the method comprising the steps of: retrieving an identification of at least one of user gear and apparel (see column 1, lines 56 to column 2, lines 51, see "belt" and it reads on applicant's "apparel"), the apparel providing the mobile device with information on the user's context or environment (see column 7, lines 54-61, see "environmental"), determining a mode reflecting at least one attribute of identified gear and apparel and optionally sending the mode with an identification of the mobile device to a service provider (see column 6, lines 32-45), and determining and presenting the information item dependent on the mode (see column 1, lines 56 to column 2, lines 51 and column 6, lines 32-45),

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receiving a first message from a caller sent to the mobile device (see column 6, lines 21-31, see “incoming communication”, and column 6, lines 31-45, see “contact”).

Merriam does not specifically disclose determining a second message dependent on the mode, when the first message is received and sending the second message to the caller as a response to the first message.

Schmidt teaches determining a second message dependent on the mode (see column 2, lines 42-47, Schmidt’s “appropriate response” reads on applicant’s “a second message” and Schmidt’s “flag characters” reads on applicant’s “mode”), when the first message is received and sending the second message to the caller as a response to the first message (also see column 2, lines 42-47, Schmidt’s “appropriate response” reads on applicant’s “a second message” and Schmidt’s “flag characters” reads on applicant’s “mode”).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Schmidt into the system of Merriam in order to provide a method of handling group calls in a communications system (see Schmidt, column 1, lines 7-11).

Regarding claim 3, Merriam further teaches the step of determining a second message comprises the steps of: sending the mode with an identification of the mobile device to a service provider (see column 6, lines 32-45), and determining the second message based on the received mode and the identification of the mobile device on the service provider (also see column 6, lines 32-45).

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Regarding claims 4 and 10, Merriam further teaches modifying at least one attribute of gear and apparel (see column 1, line 56 to column 2, line 7).

Regarding claim 5, Merriam further teaches the mobile device is a personal digital assistant, palm top, cell phone or a mobile phone (column 1, lines 11-37, see "mobile phone").

Regarding claim 5, Merriam further teaches a computer program product comprising program code means stored on a computer readable medium for performing the method of any one of claims 1 through 5 when the computer program is run on a computer (see column 3, lines 18-25).

Regarding claim 9, Merriam further teaches sending the mode with an for determining a second message comprises: identification of the mobile device to a service provider, where the service provider determines the second message (see column 5, line 64 to column 6, line 4 and column 6, lines 32-45).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-7, 9 and 10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

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§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nghi H. Ly whose telephone number is (571) 272-7911. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am-5:30 pm Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold can be reached on (571) 272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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